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Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/115 of 20 December 1995, 51/184 of 16 December 1996 and 52/199 of 18 December 1997 and other relevant resolutions relating to the protection of the global climate for present and future generations of mankind,

Noting with satisfaction that most States and one regional economic integration organization have ratified or acceded to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[1]

Expressing its concern at the slow pace of ratification and accession to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change,[2] which has so far attracted fifteen ratifications,

Expressing its deep appreciation to the Government of Argentina for hosting the fourth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which culminated in the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action,[3]

Noting that the fifth session of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change was convened in Bonn, Germany, from 25 October to 5 November 1999,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/AC.237/18 (Part II)/Add.1 and Corr.1, annex I.

[2] FCCC/CP/1997/7/Add.1, decision 1/CP.3.

[3] FCCC/CP/1998/16/Add.1, decision 1/CP.4.

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Stressing the importance of a successful outcome to the sixth session of the Conference of the Parties, welcoming the generous offer of the Government of the Netherlands** to host the Conference, and urging the parties to undertake thorough preparations to advance progress at the session,

Taking note of the decision of the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session** to approve the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations subject to review not later than 31 December 2001, in consultation with the Secretary-General, with a view to making such modifications as may be desirable by both parties,

Taking note also of the decision of the Conference of the Parties whereby the General Assembly is invited to decide at its fifty-fourth session on the issue of meeting the Convention's conference-servicing expenses from its regular budget, taking into account the views expressed by Member States,

Noting the oral report of the Secretary-General and the advice on the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations,

Noting also that by paragraph 9 of General Assembly resolution 50/115 the Secretary-General was requested to make the necessary arrangements to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 1998-1999 those sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies that the Conference may need to convene in that period,

1. *Encourages* Member States that have not ratified or acceded to the Kyoto Protocol to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change[2] to do so with a view to bringing it into force;

2. *Calls upon* developed countries to undertake urgent and effective steps to implement their commitments under the Kyoto Protocol through domestic action;

3. *Approves* the continuation of the institutional linkage of the Convention secretariat to the United Nations, as advised by the Secretary-General and approved by the Conference of the Parties at its fifth session;**

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the functioning of this institutional linkage not later than 31 December 2001, in consultation with the Conference of the Parties, with a view to making such modifications as may be considered desirable by both parties, and to report thereon to the General Assembly;

5. *Decides* to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2000-2001 the sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies envisaged for that biennium, entailing twelve weeks of meetings requiring conference servicing;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make the necessary arrangements to include in the calendar of conferences and meetings for the biennium 2002-2003 those sessions of the Conference of the Parties and its subsidiary bodies that the Conference may need to convene during that period;

7. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-sixth session the sub-item entitled "Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind."

** Pending the outcome of the Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change.